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RE Decommissioning Program Plan Modifications

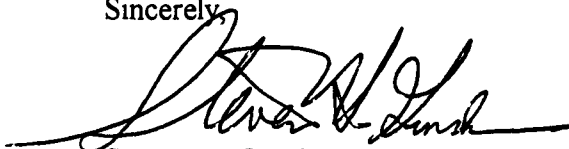
Dear John and Joe

We have reviewed the draft Decommissioning Program Plan modifications proposed in your letter of January 6, 1999. We believe these proposed changes are acceptable and will clarify the regulatory process surrounding the removal of fixed equipment. We disagree that the proposed modification is minor. A minor modification is one that "does not constitute a significant departure from the approved decision document." The original DPP did not include any procedure for removing contaminated fixed equipment without separate regulatory approval (e.g., through a decision document). The modification does. We believe this change is a significant departure from the approved DPP, and consequently consider the modification to be major.

You have requested the ability to use this process during the public comment period on this modification. We ask that if you plan to do so, you explicitly identify the projects to be undertaken and discuss them with the LRA point of contact prior to project initiation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steve Gunderson at 303-692-3367 or Tim Rehder at 303-312-6293.

Sincerely,



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